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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Approval of a

Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Purchase Agreement with Valley Proteins,

Incorporated

Docket No. 2017-76-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") requesting approval by the Commission of a Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Services Termination Agreement ("Termination Agreement") and of a new Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Purchase Agreement ("New Agreement") between Piedmont and Valley Proteins, Inc. ("Valley Proteins").

The Termination Agreement was entered into by Piedmont and Valley Proteins on October 1, 2017. The New Agreement was entered into by Piedmont and Valley Proteins on October 1, 2017. The initial term of this agreement shall expire on October 1, 2018 ("Initial Term"). At the end of the Initial Term, the contract will renew for an additional one-year term ("Renewal Term") subject to the right of either party to terminate the New Agreement at the end of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term upon the provision of written notice of termination at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of such term.

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The New Agreement was executed on October 1, 2017 and filed with the Commission on July 17, 2018. The filing of this agreement does not comply with 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-403.D (2012).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)

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